

U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates
U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi – U.S. Consulate General Dubai
Warden Message #8 /2011: Bahrain Travel Warning

March 14, 2011

The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai will hold an American Citizen Services Day on March 16th, at the Fujairah Women's College, a member of the Higher Colleges of Technology. The event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Library. All American citizens are welcome, and no appointments are required. Consular Officers will (also) be available to answer questions about all American Citizen Services.

Consular officers will also provide notarial services and accept applications for Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, passport extra pages and passport renewals. Payment for such services must be made in cash, in UAE dirhams only. We cannot accept credit cards. For questions before the event, email dubaiwarden@state.gov or call 04-311-6000 between 8:00am – 12:30pm.

Documentary Requirements for Passport Renewal: Children under 16 require the presence of both parents and the child, the most recent passports of both parents and the child, and the original birth certificate. All renewals also require the DS-11 (for children under 16) or DS-82 (for everyone 16 and over) application, two 2x2 inch passport photos, the most recent passport and payment is required. Fill out the application online at travel.state.gov or do it by hand on-site. Please note a person must be present to renew their passport

The U.S. Department of State has issued a Travel Warning for Bahrain and urges Americans to defer travel to Bahrain at this time. U.S. citizens in Bahrain should consider departing. The full text of the Travel Warning is provided below. The most up-to-date guidance and information can be found online at travel.state.gov.

In the event of an emergency, such as the death or arrest of an American citizen, the Embassy and Consulate General stand ready to assist 24 hours a day. You may contact the duty officers at +971-2-414-2500.

The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi is located in the Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, P.O. Box 4009. Telephone: +971-2-414-2200, fax: +971-2-414-2241, email: abudhabiacs@state.gov, on the web: <http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov>. For after-hours emergencies in Abu Dhabi, call +971-2-414-2500 and ask for the Abu Dhabi Duty Officer.

The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is located on the 21st floor of the Dubai World Trade Center, P.O. Box 9343. Telephone: +971-4-311-6000, fax: +971-4-311-6213, email: dubaiwarden@state.gov, on the web: <http://dubai.usconsulate.gov>. For after-hours emergencies in Dubai or the Northern Emirates, call +971-2-414-2500 and ask for the Dubai Duty Officer.

Note: Warden Message #7/2011 was sent to Americans in the Northern Emirates to announce an American Citizen Services Day on March 16th at the Fujairah Women's College.

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Travel Warning

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Consular Affairs

Bahrain

March 14, 2011

The U.S. Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the potential for ongoing political and civil unrest in Bahrain. We urge U.S. citizens to defer travel to Bahrain at this time. U.S. citizens currently in Bahrain should consider departing. On March 14, 2011, the Department of State authorized the voluntary departure from Bahrain of eligible family members of U.S. Embassy staff. This Travel Warning replaces the Travel Alert dated February 18, 2011.

Bahrain has experienced a breakdown in law and order in various areas of the country over the last few weeks. Demonstrations have degenerated into violent clashes between police and protesters on several occasions, resulting in injuries. There also have been multiple reports of sectarian groups patrolling areas throughout Bahrain and establishing unofficial vehicle checkpoints. On March 14, 2011, foreign military elements entered Bahrain. Spontaneous demonstrations and violence can be expected throughout the country. There is no indication that U.S. citizens are being threatened or targeted.

While demonstrations have not been directed toward Westerners, U.S. citizens are urged to remain alert to local security developments and to be vigilant regarding their personal security. The U.S. Department of State strongly urges U.S. citizens to avoid all demonstrations, as even peaceful ones can quickly become unruly and a foreigner could become a target of harassment or worse.

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the after-hours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. [Demonstration Notices](#) can be found on the Embassy's website. U.S. citizens requiring emergency consular assistance may contact the Department via our [website](#) by going to the "[Middle East and North Africa Situation](#)" site.

U.S. citizens in Bahrain are encouraged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

Updated information on travel and security in Bahrain may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. For further information, please consult the [Country Specific Information for Bahrain](#), as well as the [Worldwide Caution](#).